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COUNTRY: MEXICO

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SUBJECT: MEXICO CITY SITREP [redacted]

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1. MEXICAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ANTICIPATE THAT 9 AUGUST 1968 WILL BE THE MOST CRITICAL DAY THUS FAR EXPERIENCED IN THE CURRENT WAVE OF STUDENT UNREST IN MEXICO CITY. A MASSIVE DEMONSTRATION IS PLANNED BY STUDENTS OF THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (UNAM), THE NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE (IPN) AND THEIR ASSOCIATED SCHOOLS. THE STUDENTS PLAN TO BREAK UP INTO SMALL

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GROUPS OF EIGHT OR TEN PERSONS EACH, EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER THEIR MARCH AND , ARMED WITH MOLOTOV COCKTAILS, ROCKS, CLUBS, ETC., PLAN TO ASSAULT PRIVATE SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE NOT CLOSED IN SYMPATHY WITH THEIR DEMANDS, "UNFRIENDLY" EMBASSIES, AND HOMES OF PRIVATE CITIZENS WHO ARE NOT "SYMPATHETIC".

2. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED OVER THE FACT THAT THE DEMONSTRATION OF 9 AUGUST IS TO BE LED BY A GROUP FO FIFTY PARENTS CARRYING PLACARDS READING: "MY SON HAS BEEN KILLED. I WANT HIS BODY SO THAT I MAY GIVE HIM A DECENT BURIAL". THESE ARE ALLEGEDLY PARENTS OF STUDENTS WHO WERE KILLED DURING THE RECENT RIOTS.

3. A DECISION WAS REACHED TO CANCEL THE FOOTBALL MATCH SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, 11 AUGUST, AT THE AZTEC STADIUM, BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES TEAMS, PHILADELPHIA EAGLES AND DETROIT LIONS. THIS DECISION WAS TAKEN AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE IN ANTICIPATION OF CONTINUING STUDENT DISTURBANCES.

4. AS OF 1800 HOURS ON 8 AUGUST, UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC

SCHOOL STUDENTS WERE REPORTED TO BE HOLDING STRATEGY MEETINGS.

5. COMMENT:

THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY IS IN A STATE OF CONSIDERABLE AGITATION BECAUSE OF ANTICIPATED FURTHER DISTURBANCES).

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